

# Court of Justice of the European Union: judge appointed

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On 25 July 2018, the representatives of the governments of the member states appointed Mr Nuno José Cardoso da Silva Piçarra (Portugal) as judge to the Court of Justice of the European Union. The term of office will be six years, starting from 7 October 2018.

The appointment was made as part of the partial renewal of the composition of the Court of Justice, which takes place every three years.

On 6 October 2018, the term of office of 14 judges and five advocates-general will expire. Eleven judges and three advocates-general have already been appointed to the Court of Justice. Two judges and two advocates-general still have to be appointed.

## **Background**

The Court of Justice is composed of one judge from each member state and eleven advocates-general. The judges and advocates-general are appointed for a term of office of six years, which is renewable. Every three years a partial replacement of judges and advocates-general takes place.

The judges and advocates-general are appointed by common accord of the governments of the member states after consultation of a panel responsible for giving an opinion on prospective candidates' suitability to perform the duties concerned. They are chosen from among individuals whose independence is beyond doubt and who possess the qualifications required for appointment, in their respective countries, to the highest judicial offices, or who are of recognised competence.

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